

Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 37, Part XIII, Chapter 67
Regulation 19—Inclusion of Burial Plots, Vaults, etc., as Part of Funeral Service -
Change in Reserve Basis

§6701. Policy Directive Number Six to All Insurance Issuing Funeral Policies

A. The provisions of House Bill 322 will become effective on or about August 1, 1962. This bill amends Section 253 of the Insurance Code by adding Subsection A thereto:

ALL POLICIES, ENDORSEMENTS OR RIDERS NOW IN YOUR POSSESSION WHICH INCLUDE PAYMENT OR FURNISHING OF BURIAL LOT, TOMBSTONE, MARKER, PLOT, TOMB, VAULT OR COPING ARE NOW DISAPPROVED. SUCH CONTRACTS MUST BE RESUBMITTED TO THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS DIRECTIVE.

B. For your information, the new Section 253 of the Insurance Code will read as follows:

Section 253—Funeral Described: Cost Provision

Every funeral policy shall state, in dollars, the value of the funeral and shall specify therein those things which shall constitute the funeral to be furnished, and shall provide for a stated cash payment which shall not be less than seventy-five per cent of the value of the funeral as stated in the policy in lieu of such funeral in the event it is impossible or impractical to furnish such services as set forth in the policy.

A. Every funeral policy which includes among its benefits the payment for a burial lot, tombstone, marker, plot, tomb, vault or coping shall state in dollars the value of the said benefits and shall specify herein those things which shall constitute the said benefits to be furnished. Such policy shall be valued without the reduction of reserves provided for in R.S. 22:162. In the event such services are not furnished or paid for by the insurer then the amount of insurance shall be paid in cash to the beneficiary by the insurer, at the option of the beneficiary.

C. The effect of this legislation is to require that any funeral policy which includes any burial plot, tombstone, marker, plot, tomb, vault or coping must be reserved on a 100 percent basis, and if the official funeral director is not used, 100 percent of the benefits promised by the insurance contract must be paid in cash to the beneficiary.

D. Therefore, all policies, endorsements or riders now in your possession which include the above enumerated benefits, and which may have been heretofore approved, are *now disapproved*. No funeral policy which includes any of the above benefits shall be issued until such policy has been submitted to and approved by the Insurance Department.

E. No endorsement, rider or attachment of any kind which includes any of the above described benefits shall be used in this state until after it and the policy to which it will be attached have been submitted together to and approved by the Insurance Department.

F. Any company wishing to issue such policies may write or come to the Insurance Department concerning any provision of such policy which may be in doubt.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, July 9, 1962.